

U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Ethics

EMPLOYEE POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

This form is for disclosing the receipt of travel expenses from private sources for travel taken in connection with official duties. This form does not eliminate the need to report privately-funded travel on the annual Financial Disclosure Statements of those employees required to file them. In accordance with House Rule 25, clause 5, you must complete this form and file it with the Clerk of the House, 135 Cannon House Office Building, within 15 days after travel is completed. Please do not file this form with the Committee on Ethics.

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

1. Name of Traveler: Kalina Bakalov
2. a. Name of accompanying relative: _____ or None ☒
b. Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates of departure and return: Departure: May 28, 2016 Return: June 5, 2016
b. Dates at personal expense (if any): _____ or None ☒
4. Departure city: Dulles, VA Destination: Tel Aviv, Israel Return city: Dulles, VA
5. Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): American Israel Education Foundation
6. Describe meetings and events attended: Attended meetings and received briefings with various government, NGO, business, and academia experts focused on the political, security, historical and economic state of Israel.
7. Attached to this form are EACH of the following (*signify that each item is attached by checking the corresponding box*):
 - a. ☒ a completed Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form;
 - b. ☒ the Primary Trip Sponsor Form completed by the trip sponsor prior to the trip, including all attachments and Grantmaking or Non-Grantmaking Sponsor Forms;
 - c. ☒ page 2 of the completed Traveler Form submitted by the employee; *and*
 - d. ☒ the letter from the Committee on Ethics approving my participation on this trip.
8. a. I represent that I participated in each of the activities reflected in the attached sponsor's agenda. (*Signify that statement is true by checking box*): ☒
b. If not, explain: _____

I certify that the information contained on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

SIGNATURE OF TRAVELER:  DATE: 6/20/16

I authorized this travel in advance. I have determined that all of the expenses listed on the attached Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure form were necessary and that the travel was in connection with the employee's official duties and would not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

NAME OF SUPERVISING MEMBER: Rep. Tammy Duckworth DATE: 6/20/16

SIGNATURE OF SUPERVISING MEMBER: 

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SPONSOR POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

This form must be completed by an officer of any organization that served as the primary trip sponsor in providing travel expenses or reimbursement for travel expenses to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. *A completed copy of the form must be provided to each House Member, officer, or employee who participated on the trip within 10 days of their return.* You must answer all questions, and check all boxes, on this form for your submission to comply with House rules and the Committee's travel regulations. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the denial of future requests to sponsor trips and/or subject the current traveler to disciplinary action or a requirement to repay the trip expenses.

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1. Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)
2. Travel Destination(s): Israel
3. Date of Departure: May 28, 2016 Date of Return: June 5, 2016
4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Please see attached
(NOTE: You may list more than one traveler on a form only if all information is identical for each person listed.)
5. **Actual amount** of expenses paid on behalf of, or reimbursed to, each individual named in response to Question 4:

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (dollar amount per item and description)
Traveler	\$6,886.11	\$1,910.00	\$815.61	\$2,819.82 (breakdown attached)
Accompanying Relative	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

6. All expenses connected to the trip were for actual costs incurred and not a *per diem* or lump sum payment. (Signify statement is true by checking box): ☒

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: Chrystal Kern

Name: Chrystal Kern Title: Chief Financial Officer

Organization: American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)

I am an officer of the above-named organization (signify statement is true by checking box): ☒

Address: 251 H Street, NW

Washington, D.C. 20001

Telephone number: (202) 639-5374

Email Address: ckern@aiefdn.org

Committee staff may contact the above-named individual if additional information is required.

If you have questions regarding your completion of this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at (202) 225-7103.

4. Names of Travelers

1. Kalina Bakalov, Chief of Staff, Rep. Tammy Duckworth (D-IL)
2. Perry Brody, Chief of Staff, Rep. Filemon Vela (D-TX)
3. James Cho, Chief of Staff, Rep. Lois Frankel (D-FL)
4. Allan Filip, Chief of Staff, Rep. Mike Bishop (R-MI)
5. Cedric Grant, Chief of Staff, Rep. Hakeem Jeffries (D-NY)
6. Jonathan Hayes, Chief of Staff, Rep. Trent Franks (R-AZ)
7. Richard McPike, Chief of Staff, Rep. Mark Takano (D-CA)
8. Virgil Miller, Chief of Staff, Rep. Cedric Richmond (D-LA)
9. David Montes, Chief of Staff, Rep. Ruben Gallego (D-AZ)
10. Susan Mosychuk, Chief of Staff, Rep. Tim Murphy (R-PA)

**American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)
Educational Seminar in Israel
U.S. Chiefs of Staff
May 28-June 5, 2016**

Breakdown of Other Expenses

Security: \$1067.65 per person

-AIEF considers the security of its trip participants as its highest priority. A security team accompanies all participants throughout the trip.

Speaker Fees: \$589.33 per person

-Honoraria for guest speakers

Tour Guide: \$368.47 per person

-As a detailed historical understanding is crucial to maximizing the educational aspect of the trip, a licensed tour guide accompanies the group throughout the trip.

Tour Guide/Driver/Security Hotels: \$248.56 per person

Tour Guide/Driver/Security/Speaker Meals: \$208.17 per person

Room Rentals: \$130.02 per person

-The cost of renting rooms at hotels and restaurants for meetings and meals with speakers.

Transportation for individualized tour of Syrian/Israel border \$56.50 per person

Other: \$54.08 per person

-Water, snacks

-Briefing materials

Entrance Fees: \$51.67 per person

-Several sites require an entrance fee, including the southern Western Wall excavations and the holy sites around the Sea of Galilee.

Transportation for guests: \$38.83 per person

Tips: \$6.54 per person

-It is customary to tip the driver and tour guide that accompany trip participants.

**American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)
Educational Seminar in Israel
Congressional Chiefs of Staff
May 28-June 5, 2016**

Breakdown of Other Expenses

Security: \$900 per person

-AIEF considers the security of its trip participants as its highest priority. A security team accompanies all participants throughout the trip.

Speaker Fees: \$450 per person

-Honoraria for guest speakers

Tour Guide: \$191 per person

-As a detailed historical understanding is crucial to maximizing the educational aspect of the trip, a licensed tour guide accompanies the group throughout the trip.

Tour Guide/Driver/Security Hotels: \$185 per person

Room Rentals: \$150 per person

-The cost of renting rooms at hotels and restaurants for meetings and meals with speakers.

Other: \$97.50 per person

-Water, snacks

-Briefing materials

**Tour Guide/Driver/Security/Speaker Meals: \$160
per person**

Transportation for individualized tour of Syrian/Israel border: \$60

Entrance Fees: \$50 per person

-Several sites require an entrance fee, including the southern Western Wall excavations and the holy sites around the Sea of Galilee.

Airport Assistance: \$50 per person

AIEF uses an airport service to assist with passport and luggage issues that may arise.

Tips: \$20 per person

-It is customary to tip the driver and tour guide that accompany trip participants.

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TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Kalina Bakalov
2. Sponsor(s) (who will be paying for the trip): American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)
3. Travel destination(s): Israel
4. a. Date of departure May 28, 2016 Date of return: June 5, 2016
b. Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense? ☐ Yes ☒ No
If yes, dates at personal expense: _____
5. a. Will you be accompanied by a relative at the sponsor's expense? ☐ Yes ☒ No
b. If yes:
(1) Name of accompanying relative: _____
(2) Relationship to traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____
(3) Accompanying relative is at least 18 years of age: ☐ Yes ☐ No
6. a. Did the trip sponsor answer "yes" to Question 9(d) on the Primary Trip Sponsor Form (i.e., travel is sponsored by an entity that employs a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent and you are requesting lodging for two nights)? ☐ Yes ☒ No
b. If yes, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted:

7. Primary Trip Sponsor Form is attached, including agenda, invitee list, and any other attachments and contributing sponsor forms: ☒ Yes ☐ No
NOTE: The agenda should show the traveler's individual schedule, including departure and arrival times and identify the specific events in which the traveler will be participating.
8. Explain why participation in the trip is connected to the traveler's individual official or representational duties. Staff should include their job title and how the activities on the itinerary relate to their duties.
See attached.

9. Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved in planning, organizing, requesting, and/or arranging the trip? ☐ Yes ☒ No

10. **FOR STAFF TRAVELERS:**

TO BE COMPLETED BY YOUR EMPLOYING MEMBER:

ADVANCED AUTHORIZATION OF EMPLOYEE TRAVEL

I hereby authorize the individual named above, an employee of the U.S. House of Representatives who works under my direct supervision, to accept expenses for the trip described in this request. I have determined that the above-described travel is in connection with my employee's official duties and that acceptance of these expenses will not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Date: 4/27/16



Signature of Employing Member

As Chief of Staff, I am the top advisor to a Member of the House Armed Services Committee. It is critical that I have a deep understanding of the foreign policy and national security issues affecting the U.S-Israel relationship, which is of paramount importance to U.S. defense policy. This trip will provide me with an opportunity to deepen my understanding of the region through on-the-ground experience and meetings with Israeli government officials, academics, business leaders and others.

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PRIMARY TRIP SPONSOR FORM

This form should be completed by private entities offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. A completed copy of the form (and any attachments) should be provided to each invited House Member, officer, or employee, who will then forward it to the Committee together with a Traveler Form at least 30 days before the start date of the trip. The trip sponsor should NOT submit the form directly to the Committee. The Committee Web site (ethics.house.gov) provides detailed instructions for filling out the form.

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Failure to comply with the Committee's Travel Regulations may also lead to the denial of permission to sponsor future trips.

1. Sponsor (who will be paying for the trip): _____
American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)
2. I represent that the trip will not be financed (in whole or in part) by a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent (signify that the statement is true by checking box): ☒
3. Check only one: I represent that:
 - a. the primary trip sponsor has not accepted from any other source funds intended directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip ☒ or
 - b. the trip is arranged without regard to congressional participation and the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds only from entities that will receive a tangible benefit in exchange for those funds ☐ or.
 - c. the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds from other source(s) intended directly or indirectly to finance all or part of this trip and has enclosed disclosure forms from each of those entities ☐
If "c" is checked, list the names of the additional sponsors: _____
4. Provide names and titles of ALL House Members and employees you are inviting. For each House invitee, provide an explanation of why the individual was invited (include additional pages if necessary):
Please see attached
5. Is travel being offered to an accompanying relative of the House invitee(s)? ☐ Yes ☒ No
6. Date of departure: May 28, 2016 Date of return: June 5, 2016
7. a. City of departure: Washington, D.C.
b. Destination(s): Israel
c. City of return: Washington, D.C.
8. I represent that (check one of the following):
 - a. The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965: ☐ or
 - b. The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent: ☒ or
 - c. The sponsor employs or retains a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but the trip is for attendance at a one-day event and lobbyist/foreign agent involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations. ☐
9. Check one of the following:
 - a. I checked 8(a) or (b) above: ☒
 - b. I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging: ☐
 - c. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for one night: ☐ or
 - d. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for two nights: ☐
If "d" is checked, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted: _____

10. Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities the House invitees will be participating in during the travel (i.e., an hourly description of planned activities for trip invitees) (indicate agenda is attached by checking box): ☒

11. Check one:

- a. I represent that a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip (signify that the statement is true by checking box): ☒ or
b. N/A - trip sponsor is a U.S. institution of higher education. ☐

12. For each sponsor required to submit a sponsor form, describe the sponsor's interest in the subject matter of the trip and its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip:

AIEF is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization with the fundamental purpose of educating policy makers and opinion leaders about the U.S.-Israel relationship. AIEF is solely responsible for recruiting, coordinating, executing, and funding all aspects of this trip.

13. Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necessary:

- a. Mode of travel: Air ☒ Rail ☐ Bus ☐ Car ☐ Other ☐ (Specify: _____)
b. Class of travel: Coach ☐ Business ☒ First ☐ Charter ☐ Other ☐ (Specify: _____)
c. If travel will be first class or by chartered or private aircraft, explain why such travel is warranted:
n/a

14. I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). (signify that the statement is true by checking box): ☒

15. I represent that either (check one of the following):

- a. The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees: ☐ or

- b. The trip involves events that are arranged specifically *with regard* to congressional participation: ☒

If "b" is checked:

1) Detail the cost per day of meals (approximate cost may be provided): _____
\$120

2) Provide reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: _____
The trip will take place in Israel in order to educate Congressional staff about the U.S.-Israel relationship.

16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:

Hotel name: Inbal City: Jerusalem Cost per night: \$297

Reason(s) for selecting: location and affordability

Hotel name: Sheraton City: Tel Aviv Cost per night: \$363

Reason(s) for selecting: location and affordability

Hotel name: Galei Kinneret City: Tiberias Cost per night: \$293

Reason(s) for selecting: location and affordability

17. I represent that all expenses connected to the trip will be for actual costs incurred and not a per diem or lump sum payment. (signify that the statement is true by checking box): ☒

18. TOTAL EXPENSES FOR EACH PARTICIPANT:

<input type="checkbox"/> actual amounts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good faith estimates	Total Transportation Expenses per Participant	Total Lodging Expenses per Participant	Total Meal Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or employee	\$6,787.50	\$1,910	\$840
For each accompanying relative	n/a	n/a	n/a

	Other Expenses (dollar amount per item)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or employee	\$2,313.50	breakdown attached
For each accompanying relative	n/a	n/a

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19. Check one:

- a. I certify that I am an officer of the organization listed below. ☒ or
b. N/A – sponsor is an individual or a U.S. institution of higher education. ☐

20. I certify that I am not a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent for any sponsor of this trip. ☒

21. I certify by my signature that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: Chrystal Kern

Name: Chrystal Kern

Title: CFO

Organization: American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)

Address: 251 H Street NW, Washington D.C. 20001

Telephone number: (202) 639-5374

Email address: ckern@aiefdn.org

If there are any questions regarding this form please contact the Committee at the following address:

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Washington, DC 20515
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(202) 225-7392 (general fax)

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Ms. Kalina Bakalov
Office of the Honorable Tammy Duckworth
104 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Ms. Bakalov:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Israel¹ scheduled for May 28 to June 5, 2016, sponsored by the American Israel Education Foundation.

You must complete an Employee Post-Travel Disclosure Form (which your employing Member must also sign) and file it, together with a Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form completed by the trip sponsor, with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are also required to attach a copy of this letter and both the Traveler and Primary Trip Sponsor Forms (including attachments) you previously submitted to the Committee in seeking pre-approval for this trip. If you are required to file an annual Financial Disclosure Statement, you must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$375 from a single source on the "Travel" schedule of your annual Financial Disclosure Statement covering this calendar year. Finally, Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting information provided to the Committee for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

Because the trip may involve meetings with foreign government representatives, we note that House employees may accept, under the Foreign Gifts and Decorations Act (FGDA), gifts "of minimal value [currently \$375] tendered as a souvenir or mark of courtesy" by a foreign government. Any tangible gifts valued in excess of minimal value received from a foreign government must, within 60 days of acceptance, be disclosed on a Form for Disclosing Gifts from Foreign Governments and either turned over to the Clerk of the House, or, with the written approval of the Committee, retained for official use.

¹ The U.S. Department of State has issued a travel warning concerning travel to Israel, the West Bank, and Gaza, available at <http://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/alertswarnings/israel-travel-warning.html>. You may wish to contact the State Department regarding the safety of your proposed trip.

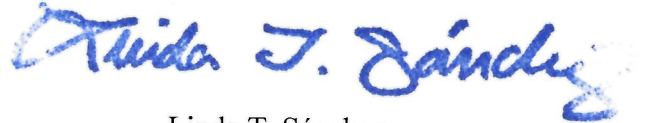
Ms. Kalina Bakalov
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If you have any further questions, please contact the Committee's Office of Advice and Education at extension 5-7103.

Sincerely,



Charles W. Dent
Chairman



Linda T. Sanchez
Ranking Member

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Bakalov, Kalina

From: The American Israel Education Foundation <astone@aiefdn.org>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2016 4:49 PM
To: Bakalov, Kalina
Subject: Please Join Us: AIEF Israel Seminar for Senior Congressional Staff



AMERICAN ISRAEL EDUCATION FOUNDATION

March 28, 2016

Kalina Bakalov
Office of The Honorable Tammy Duckworth
104 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Kalina,

We would like to invite you to join us for an educational seminar in Israel for senior congressional staff sponsored by the American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF). This year we are offering two seminars. This first trip will depart on Saturday, May 28 and return on Sunday, June 5. The second trip will depart on Saturday, August 6 and return on Sunday, August 14. If you would like to participate in one of these educational seminars, please indicate your preferred dates on the confirmation form.

The trip will explore critical foreign policy and national security challenges facing both Israel and the United States and how the two countries are cooperating in dealing with these issues. The program will include discussions with Israeli government officials, military officers, members of the Knesset, U.S. officials, Palestinian representatives and leading academics and journalists. The program will also include:

- Briefings on the strategic threats facing Israel including the Iranian nuclear program and instability on the Syrian border;
- A visit to Israel's Southern border and briefings on the threat posed by Hamas-controlled Gaza;
- In-depth discussions on the Israeli and Palestinian political climate and

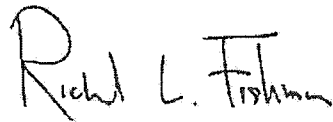
prospects for peace, as well as the political changes taking place in the region;

- Visits to historic and religious sites in Jerusalem and the Galilee.

No later than 30 days prior to departure, participants are responsible for submitting two forms, as well as a copy of this invitation to the House Committee on Ethics. AIEF will provide you with a copy of the "Primary Trip Sponsor Form". You must also submit a completed and signed "Traveler Form" to the Committee. AIEF is committed to ensuring that every aspect of the trip complies with the House travel rules. If you have any specific questions about the rules, please contact the House Committee on Ethics.

We hope that you will be able to join us on what promises to be a rich, insightful and educational trip. If you have any questions, please contact Alex Stone at (202) 639-5311. To confirm your participation, please return the Participant Confirmation Form or email to astone@aiefdn.org.

Sincerely,



Richard Fishman
Executive Director, AIEF

AIEF is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization with the mission of providing educational programming about the U.S.-Israel relationship. AIEF strives to provide qualitative and balanced educational symposia for members of Congress and congressional staff, leaders in the fields of politics and business and students. Established in 1990, AIEF has earned a reputation for producing informative and thought-provoking educational seminars in Israel.

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**American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)
Educational Seminar in Israel
U.S. Senior Congressional Staff
May 28- June 5, 2016**

Itinerary

Saturday, May 28, 2016

5:35 PM Depart Washington Dulles

7:01 PM Arrive Newark

10:45 PM Depart Newark

Sunday, May 29, 2016

4:20 PM Arrive at Ben-Gurion Airport

Transfer to Jerusalem

6:30 PM Check-in at the Inbal Hotel

7:15 PM Depart for dinner

7:30 PM *Setting the Stage*
Orientation with Becky Strapp, Educational Seminar Leader
- at Touro

8:00 PM *State of the Nation*
Dinner with Matti Friedman, Author and Journalist
- at Touro

Matti Friedman

The opening dinner features Matti Friedman, a renowned reporter with a career that has taken him from Lebanon to Morocco, Cairo, Moscow and Washington, D.C., and to conflicts in Israel in the Caucasus. Mr. Friedman is a dynamic and insightful speaker who will provide the group an illuminating synthesis of domestic political trends, current international affairs and the general state of mind of the Israeli citizens.

10:00 PM *Shalom Jerusalem*
Introduction to the history of the city
Brief walking tour

Jerusalem

Throughout its 4000 year history, the city of Jerusalem has changed hands many times. As home to the world's three great monotheistic religions -- Judaism, Christianity and Islam -- each of which has its Imprint on the city, Jerusalem is probably the most disputed city in history. Today, the status of Jerusalem remains the most contentious issue in the Arab-Israeli conflict. Jerusalem has been at the heart of all recent Israeli-Palestinian negotiations, from the Oslo Accords to the Camp David Summit to the Taba negotiations, and to the most recent talks under the auspices of the U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry. To understand the current political issues, it is critical to understand Jerusalem's history and the role it has played in shaping the Middle East. This seminar will include site visits to various locations in and around Jerusalem to gain a first-hand look at the historic significance of the city, as well as its geographic layout.

10:30 PM Overnight at the Inbal Hotel

Monday, May 30, 2016

7:30 AM Breakfast is served
 - at the hotel

8:00 AM *Israel's Political Map*
 With Professor Reuven Hazan, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
 - at the hotel

Professor Reuven Hazan

It is critical that trip participants understand the parliamentary system in Israel. Professor Hazan will explain how the parliamentary party system works, how coalitions rise and fall, and how Israeli politics differ from American politics. Since the group will be visiting with government officials throughout the week, this presentation provides the necessary background to understand Israeli political dynamics.

9:15 AM Depart for Strategic Survey of Jerusalem

9:45 AM *Strategic Survey of Jerusalem -- Part I:*
 The Historic and Holy Basin
 Strategic tour of the Old City of Jerusalem

Old City of Jerusalem & the Holy Basin

The Old City of Jerusalem is home to the holiest shrines of the three monotheistic religions -- "ground zero" for the modern state of Israel and a central issue in Israeli-Arab relations and peace talks.

A comprehensive survey of the Old City will help participants understand the historical and religious significance for each religion, and the political complexities that arise as a result. Participants will see the Mount of Olives, which is believed to be the departure point for Jesus' final entry into Jerusalem and where Jews have been burying their dead for 2,500 years. The Holy Basin also includes the Western Wall, Judaism's holiest site, and the Temple Mount (Haram al-Sharif), sacred ground for Jews, Muslims, and Christians.

The professionally guided survey will walk through all of these sites and others, educating trip participants on their historical impact and their integral role in today's political discussions.

- 1:00 PM *Regional Strategic Briefing*
Brig. Gen (res.) Nitzan Nuriel
-at Piccolino
- 2:45 PM Tour of the Knesset
- 3:15 PM *Meeting with Members of Knesset*
The Honorable Benny Begin, Likud
The Honorable Meirav Michaeli, Zionist Union
-at the Knesset
- 4:30 PM Depart
- 4:45 PM *Strategic Survey of Jerusalem – Part II:*
Post-1967 Neighborhoods and the Security Barrier

Post-1967 Neighborhoods

When Jerusalem was reunified in 1967, following 19 years of division, the State of Israel extended the city's boundaries to include the strategic hills surrounding Jerusalem. These hills served as launching pads between 1948-1967 for sniper and mortar attacks on Israeli parts of the city by the Jordanian Army. Since 1967, these hills have become vibrant neighborhoods, fully integrated into the fabric of Jerusalem. It is vital for those discussing the issue of Jerusalem to understand these neighborhoods' strategic importance and their relationship to the areas in the immediate vicinity.

Security Barrier

After scores of suicide bombings and daily terrorist attacks against its civilians launched following the breakdown of the Camp David II talks, Israel began construction of a security barrier near the pre-1967 "Green Line" between Israel and the West Bank to prevent Palestinian terrorists from infiltrating into Israeli population centers. Since its construction began, the number of attacks declined by more than 90% and the number of Israelis murdered and wounded decreased by more than 70% and 85%, respectively. The barrier is approximately 455 miles long. To Israel, the security barrier serves as a necessary obstacle to protect its

people. To the Palestinians and others in the world, the barrier represents a physical and symbolic divide.

This seminar will survey the security barrier at different points along its route to see first-hand the barrier's construction, the operation of crossing points in and out of Palestinian areas, and the technology that facilitates its operation. Both en route to the barrier and at the barrier itself, the group will explore the competing arguments raised by the Israelis, Palestinians and the international community.

5:45 PM Depart for hotel

7:30 PM Depart for dinner

8:00 PM *Tikun Olam- Israeli Humanitarian Efforts*

- Sivan Yaari, *Innovation: Africa*
Innovation: Africa brings Israeli solar and agricultural technologies to African villages.
- Shahar Zehavi, *IsraAid*
IsraAID is an Israeli-based humanitarian aid agency that responds to emergency crises and engages in international development around the world
- Yossi Yaakoby, *Mekorot*
Mekorot is the national water company of Israel and the country's top agency for water management. Founded in 1937, it supplies Israel with 90% of its drinking water and operates a cross-country water supply network known as the National Water Carrier. Mekorot and its subsidiaries have partnered with numerous countries around the world in areas including desalination and water management.

-Dinner at La Guta

9:30 PM Overnight at the Inbal Hotel

Tuesday, May 31, 2016

8:00 AM Breakfast is served
- at the hotel

8:15 AM *Minority Rights in Israel*
Breakfast with Mohammad Darwashe

9:30 AM Depart for Yad Vashem

10:00 AM *Remembering the Victims of the Holocaust*
Guided tour of Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial Museum

Yad Vashem

One cannot understand Israel's position on Iran's nuclear development program without understanding the trauma of the Holocaust. Israelis view threats to its destruction in light of the events of the 1930s and 1940s, when the German government's threats to exterminate the Jewish people were not taken seriously by the international community. This museum provides an important reference point as to how Israelis interpret the threat of an Iranian nuclear program and Iranian leaders committed to Israel's destruction.

Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Authority, was established in 1953 by an act of the Israeli Knesset. Since its inception, Yad Vashem has been entrusted with documenting the history of the Jewish people during the Holocaust period, preserving the memory and story of each of the six million victims, and imparting the legacy of the Holocaust for generations to come through its archives, library, school, museums and recognition of the Righteous Among the Nations. Located on Har Hazikaron (the Mount of Remembrance) in Jerusalem, Yad Vashem is a sprawling complex of museums, exhibits, archives, monuments, sculptures, and memorials.

Every foreign leader that travels to Israel visits Yad Vashem. Yad Vashem has become a symbol of the Jewish people and its transformation from total helplessness to self-reliance and strength. Thus, a visit to Yad Vashem provides a historical context for the Jewish state. The museum's professional docent will guide the group through the main exhibit hall and the children's memorial.

12:15 PM Depart

12:45 AM Lunch with Issa Kassissieh
Director, International Relations Department
- at the American Colony Hotel

2:00 PM Depart

2:30 PM *A View from the Prime Minister's Office*
Meeting with Jonathan Schacter, Advisor to the Prime Minister
- at the Crowne Plaza Hotel

3:45 PM Depart for Tel Aviv

5:15 PM Check in to the Sheraton Tel Aviv Hotel

7:30 PM Depart for dinner

- 7:45 PM **Start-Up Nation**
Dinner with
- Shmuel Peleg, Briefcam
BriefCam fulfills the global need to review video, investigate and identify incidents rapidly, and take action as needed. BriefCam's award-winning Video Synopsis technology enables rapid video review. On average, one hour of video can be "synopsized" down to one minute of review time.
 - Sarah Snow, Wisdo
Wisdo is a crowdsourcing platform that will help users find timely information on major life transitions including chronic illness, family matters, and finances.
- at Lumina
- 9:45 PM Overnight at the Sheraton Tel Aviv Hotel

Wednesday, June 1, 2016

- 7:30 AM Breakfast on own
- at the hotel
- 8:00 AM Depart
- 9:30 AM *Israel's Southern Front*
Overlook into Gaza
- at Kibbutz Nir Am Lookout
- 10:15 AM Depart
- 10:30 AM Visit to Kassam rockets "graveyard"
-at Sderot Police Station
- 10:45 AM Depart
- 11:15 AM *Israel's Southern Front*
Visit to Kibbutz Kfar Aza
Meet with Tzachi Levy

Israel's Southern Front

Since the Israeli withdrawal from the Gaza Strip in 2005 and the Hamas takeover of the Gaza Strip in 2007, the volume, range and accuracy of rockets has only increased. The summer of 2014 witnessed Operation Protective Edge, which returned the issue of rocket fire from Gaza to international headlines. The visit to Kibbutz Kfar Azza and meeting with a local resident will be

an opportunity to better understand the reality of living just kilometers from Israel's border with Gaza, to learn how almost 15 years of rocket fire has shaped those living in the communities most affected, to discuss the advent of Hamas "terror tunnels" into Israel's border towns and how communities have sought to cope with the threat on their doorstep.

- 12:15 PM Lunch
 - at Kibbutz Kfar Aza
- 1:30 PM Depart
- 3:00 PM *360° Bird's Eye View*
 Briefing from the Azrieli Tower Rooftop
- 3:30 PM *The Palestinian Street and Regional Issues*
 Meeting with Avi Issacharoff
 -at the 38th floor (Azrieli)
- 4:30 PM Depart to the hotel
- 7:30 PM Depart for dinner
- 8:00 PM *Israelis from Different Walks of Life*
 ▪ Liat Damoza, The Jewish Agency
 ▪ Tal Rabin, MADA (Nepal delegation)
 ▪ Dan Slyper, LGBTQ activist
 - at Deca
- 10:00 PM Overnight at the Sheraton Tel Aviv Hotel

Thursday, June 2, 2016

- 7:45 AM Breakfast is served
 - at the hotel,
- 8:00 AM *The Iranian Threat*
 Breakfast with Dr. Emily Landau, Senior Research Fellow
 Institute for National Security Studies
 - at the hotel, Topaz hall
- 9:15 AM Depart
- 10:15 AM *Israel's Narrow Waistline – Strategic Concerns*
 Briefing at Alfei Menashe

Alfei Menashe

Alfei Menashe is a Jewish community located on the western edge of the West Bank. Less than 10 miles from the Mediterranean Sea, Alfei Menashe provides a unique vantage point to discuss Israeli settlement policy, the routing of the security barrier, as well as Israel's narrow waistline.

The sliver of Israeli land west of the West Bank is often referred to as the Hadera-Gadera rectangle, with the city of Hadera denoting the northern point, and the city of Gadera the southern point. The Hadera-Gadera rectangle is home to over 50% of Israel's population, as well as civilian infrastructure. The area is also home to Israel's "silicon valley", as well as Ben Gurion international airport.

The discussion at Alfei Menashe will allow participants to see firsthand the proximity of Jewish and Arab neighborhoods in both Israel and the West Bank; as well as the strategic threats faced by the Israeli population living in Israel's narrow waistline.

10:45 AM Depart

En route briefing:

- *The Jezreel Valley* – The Strategic Land Bridge connecting Asia and Africa
- *Upper Galilee* – Potential for Development

Our tour guide will spend an hour during the drive from Israel's center to the North to provide the delegation a briefing on the Jezreel Valley and the Upper Galilee and the challenges facing these regions of the country.

The Jezreel Valley

In 1948, following Israel's establishment, the combined forces of Iraq and Jordan attempted unsuccessfully to capture the Jezreel Valley in order to split the just-born Israel into two parts. In the early 20th century, after decades of neglect, Jewish pioneers drained the swamps in the valley, transforming this region into Israel's "breadbasket," which has become known for its wheat, cotton, sunflowers and fish ponds

Today it is an important symbol of Israel's complex and diverse political reality. The Jezreel Valley, together with the areas of the Lower and Upper Galilee, is home to the majority of Israel's Arab citizens. A tour of this area provides an opportunity to discuss and learn about Israel's Arab citizens – 20 percent of the population – each of which has full democratic, social and welfare rights, the right to vote and serve in the Knesset, and the opportunity to serve on Israel's Supreme Court. These issues are not widely known and this segment gives trip participants the opportunity to understand Israel's relationship with its largest minority group.

Upper Galilee

The Upper Galilee is home to the largest variety of ethnic communities in Israel including Druze, Circassian, Arab Muslim and Arab Christian villages. The Galilee is also home to ancient Jewish and Christian holy sites that provide additional historical and political context to regional tensions. Just as in the case of the Jezreel Valley, the area illustrates the role of minorities in Israel.

At the same time, the Upper Galilee is home to some of the most prominent industrial hubs. Best known among them is the Tefen Industrial area, home to numerous enterprises established by the region's residents – Jewish and Arab. In 2006, Upper Galilee's ISCAR Metal Working Company was purchased for \$5 billion by Warren Buffet's conglomerate holding company. Since then, a number of American investors have become partners in some of the region's hi-tech and bio-tech companies.

While time does not permit for sites visits, the group will drive through parts of both areas to gain a better understanding of this critical region and the role it plays in Israel's economic, cultural and social development.

1:00 PM Lunch in ancient city of Safed

2:45 PM *Treating Syria's Wounded*
Visit to Ziv Hospital (Dr. Harari if possible)

The Ziv Medical Center

The Ziv Medical Center is situated in the heart of Israel's rural northern landscape and provides health care services and treatment for the north's ethnically and religiously diverse population. Since February 2013, Israel has taken in Syrians wounded in the course of the civil war currently being waged in that country. Many are treated at a field hospital on the border, where soldiers and paramedics of the IDF on the Israeli Golan Heights give them initial first aid and life-saving care. The Syrian wounded then either return to Syria, or are taken to an Israeli hospital to receive further treatment. Ziv Hospital is one such hospital, and has treated nearly five hundred victims of the Syrian conflict. At Ziv, the Syrian wounded, including children, civilians and militants alike, are provided with the best possible care from Israeli physicians using state of the art medical equipment. Although Israel and Syria have been in a state of war for decades, the Israeli doctors and staff at Ziv provide humanitarian aid for the wounded without regard for the patients' political or military affiliation. These efforts have been supported by The Israeli Health Department, which has spent well over 5 million dollars treating the wounded.

3:45 PM Depart

4:30 PM *Visit to Rafael Advanced Defense Systems*
Meet with Ari Sacher, Project Manager, Rafael Industries
- at LESHEM

- 5:30 PM Depart
- 6:15 PM Check into the Galei Kineret Hotel
- 7:45 PM Depart for dinner
- 8:00 PM *Northern Exposure*
Israeli Life on the Border with Lebanon and Syria
Dinner and Discussion
- at Decks
- 10:00 PM Overnight at the Galei Kineret Hotel

Friday, June 3, 2016

- 8:00 AM Breakfast at the Hotel
- 8:30 AM Depart
- 9:00 AM *Historical Significance of the Sea of Galilee*
Tour of historical and religious sites around the Sea of Galilee
 - Mt. of Beatitudes – Sermon on the Mount
 - St. Peter's Church
 - Capernaum – Jesus' Village

Christian Sites at the Sea of Galilee

Christians are increasingly fleeing persecution in countries throughout the Middle East. Israel, however, is the only country in the region with a growing Christian population. It also guarantees open Christian worship, education, and institutions; and welcomes millions of Christians worldwide each year.

A view of these sites provides the tour guide an opportunity to illustrate how Israel maintains religious freedom and the sanctity of all holy sites. It also provides another lens through which to view the depth to which the land of Israel – and the current conflicts dividing the region – are inextricably linked to the spiritual narratives of three great religions.

- 11:00 AM Depart for the Golan Heights
- 12:00 PM *Israel's Northern Border Concerns*
Strategic survey of Israel's border with Syria and Lebanon
With by Maj. (Res.) Sarit Zehavi
- at Mt. Bental

- 1:15 PM Lunch
 - at Asado
- 2:30 PM Travel back to Jerusalem via the Jordan Valley
 En route briefing:
- *Israel's Relations with the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan*
 - *Jordan's Syrian Refugee Crisis*

The tour guide will spend approximately an hour during the drive through the Jordan Valley to explore several topics related to Israel's eastern neighbor: specifically, Israeli-Jordanian strategic cooperation, as well as the implications of the Syrian civil war on the Kingdom.

Jordan: Relations with Israel, and the Growing Refugee Crisis

The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan became the second Arab country after Egypt to recognize Israel when it signed a comprehensive peace agreement that ended nearly five decades of warfare. Shepherded by United States President Bill Clinton, the accord signed on Oct. 6, 1994, marked the onset of a new era of economic, cultural, and political dialogue and cooperation between the two countries.

In recent years, the two countries have worked together to combat the increased threat from terrorism by coordinating their security efforts and preventing infiltrations across their shared border. Today, Jordan hosts over one million Syrian refugees fleeing civil war. Following our discussion with Israeli soldiers patrolling the Syrian border, our guide will address how the influx of Syrian refugees and the threats in the region impact Jordan internally; as well as relations and further potential for strategic partnership between Jordan, the United States, and Israel.

- 5:30 PM Check in to the Inbal Hotel
- 7:15 PM Depart for dinner
- 7:30 PM *Reflections on the Sabbath in Jerusalem*
 Traditional Sabbath evening dinner
 With Prof. Gil and Linda Troy
 - at their home in Jerusalem

The Sabbath in Jerusalem

Israel, the only Jewish country in the world, boasts the unique tradition of honoring the Jewish Sabbath from Friday sundown until Saturday sundown. 80% of the Israeli population will commemorate the Sabbath, in various forms, which typically include a family dinner and special blessings. The Sabbath is especially significant in Jerusalem, home to the holiest site for Jews worldwide - the remains of the First and Second Temple.

The group will be hosted by Professor Gil Troy and Linda Troy, along with their family. Professor Troy, a renowned educator and author, will lead a discussion on the importance of Jerusalem to the Jewish, Christian and Muslim populations; the potential for a final status agreement on Jerusalem (arguably the most sensitive final status issue); and the diplomatic challenges faced by Israel and the United States regarding Israeli urban development in the area.

9:30 PM Overnight at the Inbal Hotel

Saturday, June 4, 2016

8:00 AM Breakfast on own
- at the hotel, Main Dining Hall

8:30 AM Depart
En route briefing:
Jericho Road and the E-1 Corridor: Strategic Concerns

Jericho Road and the E-1 Corridor

On the drive from Jerusalem to Masada, the group will travel on the highway known as the "Jericho Road" is the strategic importance of the area east of Jerusalem. In 1948 and in 1967, the Jordanian army attacked Jerusalem from the east – the 1948 attack resulted in the city's division that lasted until 1967. Since then Israel has established the City of Ma'ale Adumim east of Jerusalem, today home to some 40,000 residents. To the Palestinians, however, Ma'ale Adumim is the largest settlement on the West Bank. When Israel attempted to expand Ma'ale Adumim's boundary, into an area known as "E-1", the U.S. State Department stepped in and asked that no construction take place there. The issue needs to be examined with those discussing the future of Jerusalem in the context of the Israeli-Palestinian negotiations.

10:00 AM *History and Geopolitics of the Roman Empire*
Guided tour of the National Archeological Park at Masada

Masada

The Sabbath in Israel begins Friday afternoon and concludes on Saturday evening. During the Sabbath, virtually everything in the country is closed including all government offices, businesses, newspapers etc. Therefore, for years, we have used Fridays Saturdays to expose our Congressional Members and staff delegations to some of the key historical and cultural sites in Israel such as Masada. Masada, which was excavated in the 1960s, is considered one of the most important archeological sites in Israel, indeed in the whole world.

Masada was the site of the last stand of the Jews in Israel after the Romans destroyed Jerusalem and the Holy Temple in 70 A.D. A group of Jewish Zealots fled to the Judean Desert and lived in the former mountaintop fortress of King Herod known as Masada for two years

resisting the onslaught of the most powerful army in the world. Determined to break the resistance, the Romans finally scaled the mountain to capture and enslave the Jewish rebels. However, when they finally arrived, they found that all the men, women and children had killed themselves as a last act of defiance. They refused to give in to the Romans and become their slaves.

The ancient story of Masada has important contemporary relevance for the modern State of Israel. "Masada shall never fall again" has become the watchword of the country which has faced existential threats since its founding in 1948. Israel's elite military units, for example, are sworn in on top of Masada in a symbolic act of defiance against Israel's contemporary enemies. These soldiers along with the thousands of Israeli school children who visit Masada each year learn the lesson that Israel should never become so weak again that it would ever face national suicide as an option.

We will spend approximately two hours atop of Masada with a professional guide. The time at Masada with the guide is focused on three areas: 1. touring the magnificent ancient excavations; 2. learning the narrative of Jewish resistance to the Romans backed by the archeological and historical evidence; 3. discussing the importance of the Masada story to the contemporary Middle East and the threats in the region.

12:30 PM *Ecological Challenges in the Dead Sea Region*
Visit to the Dead Sea
-at Hod Hotel

Dead Sea Region

During our drive to and from the Dead Sea area, as well as during our visit to the Dead Sea, our tour guide will discuss a variety of issues integral to understanding the region, the country, and relations with both the Palestinians and Jordanians.

It is important to note that the region is mostly desert. For decades, Israel has been challenging this arid area and developing its agricultural potential. While the Middle East is suffering from water shortages, Israel, through modern technology and water conservation policies, including the recycling of over 80 percent of water used for domestic purposes and transferring it to agriculture, has literally "made the desert bloom." Some of this technology is already being shared with Jordan and the Palestinian Authority. All sides realize that a comprehensive regional water policy will ensure food production necessary to satisfy the Middle East's growing population. For example, in late 2013, the three parties agreed to build a Red Sea-Dead Sea water project to address the shortage of fresh, clean water in the region and the rapid loss of water at the Dead Sea. This highlights the growing importance for Israel and her Arab neighbors to work together on joint environmental projects.

The key regional players also face serious environmental issues in the Dead Sea region. One of the major environmental concerns is the receding of the Dead Sea and the appearance of sinkholes, which cause the earth above to collapse. Roads, fields and buildings have collapsed

due to this phenomenon, and experts are concerned the tourist infrastructure along the Jordanian and Israeli shores of the Dead Sea are also in danger. This issue has led to unprecedented cooperation between Israelis, Jordanians and Palestinians and serves as a model for regional cooperation.

2:30 PM	Depart for Jerusalem
4:00 PM	Return to hotel Check out
6:00 PM	<i>The U.S.-Israel Relationship: Bringing It All Together</i> Closing dinner
8:00 PM	Depart for the Airport
11:10 PM	Depart Tel Aviv

Sunday, June 5, 2016

4:15 AM	Arrive Newark
6:00 AM	Depart Newark
7:33 AM	Arrive Washington Dulles

American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)
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Chiefs of Staff
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Final Itinerary

Saturday, May 28, 2016

5:35 PM Depart Washington Dulles

7:01 PM Arrive Newark

10:45 PM Depart Newark

Sunday, May 29, 2016

5:45 PM Arrive at Ben-Gurion Airport

 Transfer to Jerusalem

 Check into the Inbal Hotel

8:30 PM Depart for dinner

8:45 PM *Setting the Stage*
Welcome and Orientation
- at La Guta

9:00 PM *State of the Nation*
Dinner with Matti Friedman
Author and Journalist
- at La Guta

10:30 PM *Shalom Jerusalem*
Brief walking tour

11:00 PM Overnight at the Inbal Hotel

Monday, May 30, 2016

7:30 AM Breakfast is served
 - at the hotel, Galil Hall

8:00 AM	<i>Israel's Political Map</i> Breakfast with Prof. Reuven Hazan Political Science Department, Hebrew University of Jerusalem - at the hotel, Galil Hall
9:15 AM	Depart
9:30 AM	<i>Strategic Survey of Jerusalem – Part I:</i> The Historic and Holy Basin Guided tour of the Old City of Jerusalem
12:45 PM	Depart for lunch
1:00 PM	<i>Minority Rights in Israel</i> Lunch with Ghaida Rinawi-Zoabi General Director, Injaz Center - at Kedma
2:15 PM	Depart
2:30 PM	<i>Strategic Survey of Jerusalem – Part II:</i> Post-1967 Neighborhoods and the Security Barrier
3:15 PM	Depart for the Knesset
3:30 PM	Security Check
3:45 PM	<i>Israeli Politics from the Inside</i> Guided tour of the Knesset Meetings with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Honorable Benny Begin, Member of Knesset, Likud Party ▪ The Honorable Ksenia Svetlova, Member of Knesset, Zionist Union Party
6:00 PM	Depart for hotel
7:45 PM	Depart for dinner
8:00 PM	<i>Tikun Olam – Israeli Humanitarian Efforts</i> Dinner with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Yossi Yaakoby Director of WaTech Division, Mekorot ▪ Sivan Ya'ari Founder and CEO, Innovation: Africa - at the King David Hotel, Olive Hall

9:30 PM Overnight at the Inbal Hotel

Tuesday, May 31, 2016

8:00 AM Breakfast on own
- at the hotel, Galil Hall

8:15 AM *Minority Rights in Israel*
Breakfast with Nitzan Nuriel
Former Director of the Counter Terrorism Bureau, Prime Minister's Office
- at the hotel, Galil Hall

9:30 AM Depart for Yad Vashem

10:00 AM *Remembering the Victims of the Holocaust*
Guided tour of Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial and Museum

12:15 PM Depart

12:45 PM *Palestinian Perspective*
Lunch with Nidal Fqaha
Director General, Palestinian Peace Coalition (PPC-GI)
- at the American Colony Hotel, Pasha Hall

2:00 PM Depart

2:30 PM *The View from the Prime Minister's Office*
Meeting with David Keyes
Communications Advisor and Foreign Press Liaison, Prime Minister's Office
- at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Ein Gedi Hall

3:45 PM Depart for Tel Aviv

5:15 PM Check into the Sheraton Tel Aviv Hotel

7:30 PM Depart for dinner

- 8:00 PM *Start-Up Nation*
 Dinner with:
- Ariel Beery
 Co-Founder and CEO, MobileODT
 - Dov Maisel
 Chief Operating Officer and Director of International Operations,
 Hatzalah United
 - Elad Serfaty
 VP, Mobileye
 - Rami Ben Yehuda
 VP Sales and Operations, Orcam
- at Deca
- 9:45 PM Overnight at the Sheraton Tel Aviv Hotel

Wednesday, June 1, 2016

- 7:30 AM Breakfast on own
 - at the hotel, Main Dining Hall
- 8:00 AM Depart for Israel's south
- 9:15 AM *Israel's Southern Front*
 Overlook into Gaza
 - at Kibbutz Nir Am Lookout
- 9:45 AM Depart
- 10:00 AM *Israel's Southern Front*
 Visit to Nachal Oz
 Meeting with Oshrit Sabag, Local resident
- 11:15 AM Depart
- 11:45 AM Visit the Iron Dome Missile Defense System
- 12:45 PM Depart for lunch
- 1:00 PM Lunch
 - at K2
- 1:30 PM Depart for Tel Aviv

- 3:00 PM *360° Bird's Eye View*
Briefing from the Azrieli Tower Rooftop
- 3:30 PM *Israeli Palestinian Peace Negotiations*
Meeting with Ambassador Ron Prosor
Immediate Past Israeli Ambassador to the U.N.
- at the Azrieli triangle building, 38th floor
- 4:30 PM Depart for the hotel
- 7:30 PM Depart for dinner
- 8:00 PM *Israelis from Different Walks of Life*
Dinner with:
- Liat Damoza
Donor Mission Coordinator Resource Development and Public Affairs
Jewish Agency for Israel
 - Tal Rabin
MADA (Nepal delegation)
 - Dan Slyper
Yesh Atid Party, LGBT Caucus
- at Goshen
- 10:00 PM Overnight at the Sheraton Tel Aviv Hotel

Thursday, June 2, 2016

- 7:45 AM Breakfast is served
- at the hotel, Topaz Hall
- 8:00 AM *The Iranian Threat*
Breakfast with Dr. Emily Landau
Senior Research Fellow
Institute for National Security Studies
- at the hotel, Topaz Hall
- 9:15 AM Depart
- 10:00 AM *Israel's Narrow Waistline*
Strategic Briefing at Alfei Menashe

- 10:45 AM Depart
- En route briefing:
- *The Jezreel Valley* – The Strategic Land Bridge connecting Asia and Africa
 - *Upper Galilee* – Potential for Development
- 1:00 PM Lunch
-in Old City of Sefad
- 2:00 PM Depart
- 2:45 PM *Treating Syria's Wounded*
Visit to Ziv Hospital
- 4:15 PM Depart
- 4:45 PM Check into the Galei Kineret Hotel
- 7:15 PM Depart for dinner
- 7:30 PM *Life on the Northern Border*
Dinner and Discussion
- at Decks
- 10:00 PM Overnight at Galei Kineret Hotel

Friday, June 3, 2016

- 8:00 AM Breakfast on own
- at the hotel, Main Dining Hall
- 8:30 AM Depart
- 9:00 AM *Historical Significance of the Sea of Galilee*
Tour of historical and religious sites around the Sea of Galilee
 - Mt. of Beatitudes – Sermon on the Mount
 - St. Peter's Church
 - Capernaum – Jesus' Village
- 11:00 AM Depart
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- 1:30 PM Lunch
 - at Asado
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 En route briefing:
 ▪ *Israel's Relations with the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan*
 ▪ *Jordan's Syrian Refugee Crisis*
- 5:30 PM Check into the Inbal Hotel
- 7:15 PM Depart for dinner
- 7:30 PM *Reflections on the Sabbath*
 Traditional Sabbath dinner
 With Professor Gil and Linda Troy
 - at their home in Jerusalem
- 9:30 PM Overnight at the Inbal Hotel

Saturday, June 4, 2016

- 8:00 AM Breakfast on own
 - at the hotel, Main Dining Hall
- 8:30 AM Depart
 En route Briefing:
 Jericho Road and the E-1 Corridor: Strategic Concerns
- 10:00 AM *History and Geopolitics of the Roman Empire*
 Guided tour of the National Archeological Park at Masada
- 12:30 PM *Israel's Experience in Fighting the Encroachment of Desertification*
 Visit to the Dead Sea
 - at the Herods Hotel
- 2:30 PM Depart for Jerusalem
- 4:00 PM Return to hotel

 Check out

6:00 PM *The U.S.-Israel Relationship:
 Bringing it Together*
 Closing dinner
 - at the hotel

8:00 PM Depart for the Airport

11:10 PM Depart Tel Aviv

Sunday, June 5, 2016

4:15 AM Arrive Newark

6:00 AM Depart Newark

7:33 AM Arrive Washington Dulles

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Rep.	Tammy	Duckworth	Kalina	Bakalov	Chief of Staff	Serves as Chief of staff to a member of the relevant Armed Services Committee.
Rep.	Filemon	Vela	Perry	Brody	Chief of Staff	Serves as Chief of Staff to a member of the relevant Homeland Security Committee.
Rep.	Lois	Frankel	James	Cho	Chief of Staff	Serves as Chief of Staff to a member of the relevant Foreign Affairs Committee.
Rep.	Erik	Paulsen	Laurie	Esau	Chief of Staff	House Chief of Staff. AIEF strives to provide educational programming to all Congressional staff that work in relevant issue areas.
Rep.	Mike	Bishop	Allan	Filip	Chief of Staff	House Chief of Staff. AIEF strives to provide educational programming to all Congressional staff that work in relevant issue areas.
Rep.	Hakeem	Jeffries	Cedric	Grant	Chief of Staff	House Chief of Staff. AIEF strives to provide educational programming to all Congressional staff that work in relevant issue areas.

Rep.	Trent	Franks	Jonathan	Hayes	Chief of Staff	Serves as Chief of Staff to a member of the relevant Armed Services Committee, who serves as Chairman of the Israel Allies Caucus.
Rep.	Randy	Weber	Chara	McMichael	Chief of Staff	Serves as Chief of Staff to a member of the relevant Foreign Affairs Committee.
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Rep.	Ruben	Gallego	David	Montes	Chief of Staff	Serves as Chief of Staff to a member of the relevant Armed Services Committee.
Rep.	Tim	Murphy	Susan	Mosychuk	Chief of Staff	Serves as Chief of Staff to a member of the relevant House Energy and Commerce Committee.